

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

--In preferred embodiments, each fastener element has an overall height of between about 10 and 50 millimeters, more preferably 20 to 30 millimeters.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

--Each fastener element head preferably has an overall height of between about 10 and 20 millimeters.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

--In some embodiments, each fastener element crook defines an overall crook height, measured perpendicular to the sheet-form base from a lowermost extent of the tip to an uppermost extent of the crook, of at least 6.0 millimeters.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, a male touch fastener component 100 includes a field of fastener elements 102 arranged in rows R extending outwardly from and integrally with a sheet-form base 104. Spacing S between rows may be controlled by the manufacturing process and will be discussed further below. Fastener elements 102 are palm tree-shaped hooks and are engageable in two directions along a plane (i.e., an engagement plane) perpendicular to sheet-form base 104 the in direction of rows R. Each fastener element 102 includes two heads 106 extending from a single stem 108. Optionally, male touch fastener 100 can include a backing material 111 laminated to a side of the base 104 opposite the fastener elements 102.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Further description of the embodiment of Fig. 3 can be found in an application entitled "MULTIPLE-CROOK MALE TOUCH FASTENER ELEMENTS," filed concurrently herewith and assigned U.S. Serial Number 10/688,320, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated in full by reference.--